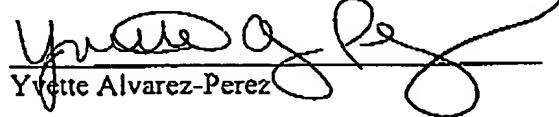


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to an Office action dated 02/01/2005, Applicant submits the following amendment for consideration by the Examiner and entry of record.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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